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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As an internet user in a reasonably large city, I have my choice of service providers. AT&T and Comcast are, by far, the largest but, I chose Sonic. They are much smaller and DSL speed is quite slow but, their service is so superior to all the others there really is no comparison. I put up with slower speeds at a higher price to support a company that really cares about its customers and , at some point, they will have my neighborhood connected to a fiber network and then I will have the best of both worlds - top speeds and the ultimate in customer service. Something more and more of Sonic's customers are experiencing every day. But this will grind to a halt if AT&T is allowed to stifle competition by denying Sonic access to the copper network while they build their fiber network.

I spent many years as an AT&T customer paying for that copper network so, really it belongs to the people - by now! They should not be allowed to deny access to the copper network that we, the people, allowed them to install in our backyards, front yards, and streets so they could make a profit off of selling us services.

They should learn to compete with all the other smaller services in order that we, the people, receive the best service for the best price... regardless of who supplies it.

Thank you for your attention.

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